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## COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER



"I pledge allegiance to my Flag,  
and to the Republic for which it  
stands, one Nation indivisible, with  
Liberty and Justice for All."

## ROADS ARE NECESSARY

County Commissioner Weed ex-  
pressed his opinion as to the con-  
struction of new roads and the main-  
tenance of old ones in a very forcible  
and sensible manner when a commit-  
tee of timber owners asked the coun-  
ty court to curtail road expenses dur-  
ing the war period. Mr. Weed stated  
that many people in his (Vernonia)  
district have bought Liberty Bonds,  
contributed to the Red Cross and Y.  
M. C. A. and other patriotic causes  
this year and contributed ten times  
as much as they would have been  
able to contribute five years ago. He  
gave this reason: "Now the farmers,  
having good roads, can get their pro-  
duce to market and receive good  
prices, whereas, five years ago, their  
produce rotted in or on the ground  
because they could not get it to mar-  
ket." In these war times the Mist  
does not believe in any elaborate  
road building program, but agrees  
with Governor Withycombe that the  
main trunk lines should be main-  
tained and necessary laterals con-  
structed. When the nation is calling  
on the farmers for the production of  
more food supplies, it certainly seems  
necessary to provide roads over  
which these supplies can be hauled  
to market.

## FRIENDSHIP FOR RUSSIA

It is sane, straight-from-the-should-  
er advice that John F. Stevens, chief  
American railway commissioner to  
Russia, gives as to the proper method  
for handling the extremely difficult  
situation in that country. It is sig-  
nificant that the policy of the United  
States government with regard to  
Russia has more than once reflected  
this advice. Indeed, cable reports  
from Paris have strongly suggested  
that Col. House labored with the  
representatives of the entente gov-  
ernments assembled at the inter-  
national conference to persuade them also  
to follow the course of action out-  
lined by Mr. Stevens.

Yet the situation in Petrograd is  
such that it is often difficult for one  
to maintain the balance and broad  
perspective necessary for the appre-  
ciation of Mr. Stevens' point of view.  
Deeply persuaded as every American  
citizen is of the absolute necessity of  
overpowering the German war ma-  
chine by force of arms in order to  
free the world from the menace of  
German domination, the course pur-  
sued by those in control at Petrograd  
has provoked harsh criticism in  
America. It should be a helpful  
thing, therefore, to bear in mind the  
counsel of such a man as Mr. Stevens,  
who has studied the situation on  
the ground and evidently with a deep  
and sincere sympathy for the Rus-  
sians.

Mr. Stevens emphasizes first of all  
the vital importance of saving Russia  
to the entente cause. "If Germany is  
allowed to finance and advise them,"  
says Mr. Stevens, "the situation is  
lost." That is the strongest state-  
ment of the case that we have seen.  
Yet he supports that assertion by  
pointing to the 1,500,000 German  
and Austrian prisoners in Russia who  
will be returned after a peace with  
the central powers, and the "unlim-  
ited possibilities" that lie in German  
organization and utilization of the  
vast Russian resources in man-power  
and supplies.

Mr. Stevens' second important  
statement is that Russia is "perme-  
ated" by the most clever German  
propaganda, which is not restricted  
to any class or part of Russia. The  
Russians, he says, have a sincere lik-  
ing for Americans and for the United  
States. The problem for us is to pre-  
vent that German propaganda from  
destroying our advantage in that  
friendship. Lastly he expresses the  
opinion that he maximalists have far  
more strength in Russia than is gen-  
erally supposed; that in any effort  
to secure stable government in Rus-  
sia it would be necessary to give  
them full consideration, and that the  
way to handle the situation is not to  
become angry with them or to seek  
to punish Russia, but to struggle un-

ceasingly with sympathy and friend-  
ship to save the country from Ger-  
many.

Not only is this a difficult thing to  
do, but unquestionably it is a dif-  
ficult thing for Americans to keep  
themselves always in the frame of  
mind of wanting to do it. Yet, if we  
accept Mr. Stevens' judgment of the  
situation, obviously it is both right  
and necessary to do it.—Washington  
Post.

(Ed.—Recent developments in  
Russia show conclusively that Mr.  
Stevens was right in his advice.  
While the secret men of the kaiser  
were spreading the German propa-  
ganda in Russia it is not unreason-  
able to believe that some of Uncle  
Sam's smartest diplomats were also  
in Russia combatting the influence  
and efforts of the kaiser. The situa-  
tion at present is very hopeful, and  
the Mist believes if Mr. Stevens' ad-  
vice is followed Russia will again be  
a strong ally. Germany's mask of  
treachery has been torn off, and the  
Russians see the situation as it  
really is.)

## WHOSE FAULT?

There is a scarcity of dwellings in  
St. Helens and many who would come  
here to live are unable to secure a  
house in which to live. People who  
own many lots have been urged to  
build houses for these newcomers.  
Well and good, provided the property  
owner is financially able to build a  
dwelling for rent. Undoubtedly it  
would return a good rate of interest,  
and those who are able to build  
should do so. But how about the  
man who has been making St. Hel-  
ens his home for the past few years,  
making good wages all the time and  
living in a rented house? It seems  
that he should also be interested in  
the town, enough so to buy a lot and  
build a home of his own. There are  
many workmen here who own their  
homes, even if some of them are  
modest homes, and many of these  
dwellings were built when the owner  
was not making more than \$2.50 to  
\$3 a day. A lot was bought on the  
installment plan, good terms secured  
on the lumber, and during spare time  
the house was built, and a majority  
of them are paid for, too. We would  
not discourage any lot owner in  
building houses, but it seems that  
some who are now wanting homes  
built for them could easily build  
their own homes and become prop-  
erty owners of the city and therefore  
the more interested in the city's  
growth.

## BUY A THRIFT STAMP

The president of the Deutsche  
Bank of Berlin said recently that the  
people in Germany are now saving  
three billion dollars annually of what  
they used to spend in beers and  
liquors. There are about 70,000,000  
people in the German Empire.

President Wilson has asked Amer-  
ican men, women and children to  
save two billion in one year to lend  
to our government at four per cent  
to help win the war.  
There are 100,000,000 of us.  
Can we do it?  
We can.  
Will we do it?  
We will.  
How? Simply by "cutting out"  
the little extravagances to our daily  
lives that add nothing to our strength  
of character nor to our health or  
happiness, and by practicing a hun-  
dred and one little economies that  
will save a penny here and there.

When the pennies have been saved  
Uncle Sam has provided simple ma-  
chinery with which to take care of  
them. Twenty-five cents buys a  
Thrill Stamp. Sixteen Thrill Stamps  
pasted on a card given you when you  
buy the stamp with 12 cents addi-  
tional will buy a War Savings Stamp.  
Twenty War Savings Stamps pasted  
on a War Savings Certificate, given  
with your first War Savings Stamp,  
becomes virtually a government  
bond, for which the government will  
pay you \$100 in five years.

A War Savings Stamp is just as  
safe as your country. And the more  
stamps sold right now the safer your  
country will be.

An item in the Industrial Review  
published elsewhere in this issue of  
the Mist states that the Tillamook  
cheese producers received more than  
\$1,100,000 for their product during  
the year 1917. Columbia county  
should be just as good a cheese pro-  
ducing county as is Tillamook, and  
the \$1,000,000 per year would add  
very much to the prosperity of the  
county. The commercial club of this  
city, and in fact any one who is inter-  
ested in the further development of  
Columbia county, should investigate  
the possibility of a cheese factory in  
St. Helens. We secured the cream-  
ery; it has paid the stockholders and  
the community has benefitted by its  
being located here. Let us now try  
to secure a cheese factory. Many  
things have come to us without even  
asking or trying for them, but it will  
not always be so. To secure other  
industrial enterprises, some effort  
must be made. The newly elected  
president of the commercial club is  
an enterprising man and has an able  
assistant as secretary, and this item  
is respectfully referred to them. If

they make an investigation and a fa-  
vorable report, it will be easy to get  
a backing from the public spirited  
men of St. Helens.

Notwithstanding the fact that the  
district engineer made a careful sur-  
vey of the shallow channel just be-  
low St. Helens and recommended that  
it be improved so that larger vessels  
might come to St. Helens for cargoes,  
the higher ups on the board of engi-  
neers at Washington have seen fit to  
turn down the recommendation of the  
"on the spot" engineer who knew  
of the necessity for the improvement.  
It is just another sample of the "dis-  
tinct" observation of those office men  
in the government's service, who can  
readily and to their mind, accurately  
determine what a community thou-  
sands of miles distant needs. The  
improvement of the channel is neces-  
sary and the commercial club should  
at once insist on a rehearing of the  
matter.

The liberal response of the citizens  
of the town for funds to be expended  
on the St. Helens-Columbia City road  
shows that St. Helens is not really a  
"tight wad" community. After the  
road is built and the citizens realize  
that it was built largely through their  
aid, each one who contributed will  
feel better toward himself and his  
neighbor. A good way to build up  
the community spirit is for each one  
to get in and help boost along those  
things which are for the benefit of the  
whole community.

## TREASURY STATEMENT IN WAR TIMES

Below we are publishing a state-  
ment of the United States treasury  
on December 28. The statement was  
clipped from the Washington Post. It  
should be interesting to the public for  
the reason that it shows, by compara-  
tive statements, the difference in  
normal receipts and expenditures as  
against war time receipts and dis-  
bursements. For instance, the reve-  
nue receipts for the fiscal year to  
date, which is from July 1 to date of  
statement, shows receipts of more  
than \$560,000,000, while a corres-  
ponding period last year shows only  
\$350,000,000. The amount the gov-  
ernment expended from July 1 to  
December 28 was almost two and  
one-half billion dollars, and compared  
with the disbursements of the pre-  
ceding year, which was \$478,000,-  
000, shows that owing to war times  
we have run into the billions instead  
of the millions. The entire statement  
is very interesting to the person who  
wants to know the finances of the  
government, and by special arrange-  
ment with the Washington (D. C.)  
Post we will, from week to week,  
give this information to our read-  
ers. Following is the treasury state-  
ment:

Transactions and financial condition December 28, 1917.	
Revenue receipts this day.....	\$ 4,038,107.40
Ordinary disburse- ments, this day.....	20,607,060.49
Revenue receipts, this month.....	97,869,031.67
Revenue receipts, corresponding month last year.....	58,775,340.39
Revenue receipts, this fiscal year, to date.....	560,547,310.79
Revenue receipts, last fiscal year, to date.....	359,090,421.50
Ordinary disburse- ments, this month.....	561,435,782.37
Ordinary disburse- ments, correspond- ing month last year.....	76,572,867.53
Ordinary disburse- ments, this fiscal year, to date.....	2,371,183,514.51
Ordinary disburse- ments, last fiscal year, to date.....	478,420,249.60

General fund, assets and liabilities in treasury:	
Available gold.....	\$ 57,446,970.76
Avail. silver dol.....	15,745,961.00
U. S. Notes.....	8,816,165.00
Fed. res. notes.....	23,572,081.00
Certified checks on banks.....	53,657.40
Nat. bank notes.....	13,283,581.71
Subsidiary silver coin.....	1,622,360.35
Minor coin.....	635,447.76
Silver bullion.....	7,173,564.24
Unclassified.....	1,411,355.19
In Federal reserve banks.....	80,183,021.87
In national banks in treasury (Phil- ippines).....	43,904,591.64
	4,715,248.81

Total assets in general fund:	
Subtotal liabilities	\$ 986,598,732.66
	158,810,495.02

Net balance in general fund:	
Total cash assets	\$ 827,788,237.64
In general fund	986,598,732.66
Gold coin in treas- ury.....	677,453,029.15
Gold bullion in treasury.....	1,685,520,623.74

Total.....	
Silver dollars in treasury.....	\$ 2,362,973,652.89
Bank notes re- ceived for re- demption this month.....	490,547,481.00
	19,372,054.00

## Are Your Sewers Clogged?

The bowels are the sewerage sys-  
tem of the body. You can well im-  
agine the result when they are stop-  
ped up as is the case in constipation.  
As a purgative you will find Cham-  
berlain's Tablets excellent. They are  
mild and gentle in their action. They  
also improve the digestion.

## STAMP FACTS TOLD BRIEFLY

War Saving Stamps Explained by  
Question and Answer

The Official Bulletin, issued daily  
by the United States government,  
contains the following regarding the  
thrill stamp war saving plan:

Q. What is the war savings plan?  
A. It is a plan by which you can  
load small savings to your govern-  
ment at 4 per cent interest, com-  
pounded quarterly.

Q. How may this be done?  
A. By purchasing war savings  
stamps and thrill stamps.

Q. What is a war savings stamp?  
A. It is a stamp for which the gov-  
ernment will pay you \$5 on January  
1, 1923.

Q. What does it cost?  
A. Between \$4.12 and \$4.23 dur-  
ing 1918, depending upon the month  
in which purchased.

Q. What is a thrill stamp?  
A. It is a stamp costing 25 cents,  
to be applied in payment for a war  
savings stamp. It does not earn in-  
terest. The purpose of its issue is  
to enable people to accumulate in  
small sums the amount necessary to  
pay for a war savings stamp.

Q. Where can I buy them?  
A. At postoffices, banks and au-  
thorized agencies.

Q. Why should I buy them?

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ernment helps to save the lives of  
our men at the front and to win the  
war.

## EXPRESSES THANKS

Portland, Ore., Jan. 4, 1918.

St. Helens Mist.  
Gentlemen: On behalf of the  
American Red Cross it is my very  
pleasant duty this morning to write  
letters of appreciation to all the  
newspapers in the state who so won-  
derfully helped in making the cam-  
paign a success. The St. Helens Mist  
certainly did its part in the cam-  
paign. I am inclined to believe that  
when final returns are in we shall  
have a much greater showing for  
Columbia.

Very sincerely yours,  
ORTON E. GOODWIN,  
Manager Press Bureau.

Ambition, like alfalfa, with deter-  
mination for moisture, can be cut  
down often, but is always growing  
deeper.

**A Military Problem**  
"What are you knitting, my pretty  
maid?"  
She purred, then dropt a stitch.  
"A sock or a sweater, sir," she said.  
"And darned if I know which."

**FIRE! FIRE! FIRE! FIRE!**  
See E. E. Quick, St. Helens, and  
insure your property in the Oregon  
Fire Relief Association of McMinn-  
ville, Oregon. Don't put it off.  
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